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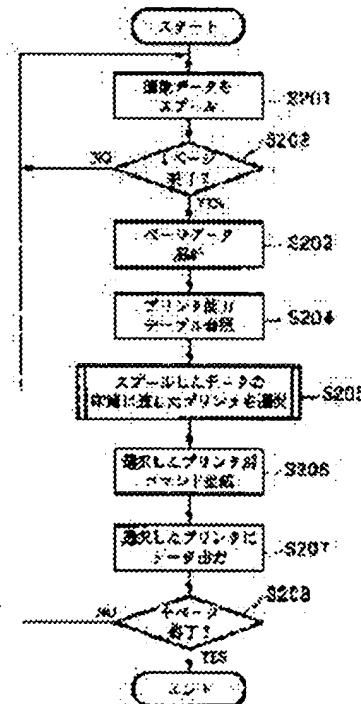
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(54) PRINTER CONTROL DEVICE AND METHOD THEREFOR

(57)Abstract:

PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To select the optimum printer in an environment where plural printers are available.

SOLUTION: When the image data equivalent to one page are spooled, these data are analyzed and the resources necessary for the print of them are decided (S203). Then a printer is selected based on those decision results of resources and the printer capability table that is stored for every printer and shows the resources of every printer (S205). A printer command is issued to the selected printer (S207) and this operation is repeated until all pages through. Thus the printer that is coincident with or most approximate to the resources necessary for the print can be selected. As a result, the overall system efficiency is improved and the labor of an operator is reduced.



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